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MEDICAL MOTION PICTURE GUIDE

The National Library of Medicine has entered into a contract with the Interdepartmental Committee on Medical Training Aids to prepare the 1959 edition of the Film Reference Guide to Medicine and Allied Sciences, which previously was compiled by the Library of Congress.

The Interdepartmental Committee on Medical Training Aids was established to coordinate the production and utilization of medical audio-visual training aids in the federal government; its members represent the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Public Health Service, and the Veterans' Administration. Some 1,800 films of interest to the medical programs of one or more of the member agencies of the Committee, and now available on a loan or rental basis, will be listed in the Guide, which is the only current publication of its kind. It is not, however, confined to government films; it is of interest to all those concerned with medical motion pictures, and will be offered for public sale.

The entries will be reproduced from card copy prepared at the Library of Congress and will be listed under broad subject categories; title, date, producer, and distributor will be indicated, with a description of the picture and its content. A title index will be included. Probable date of publication is July 1959.

NFSAIS MEETING; CORRIGENDUM

The meeting of the National Federation of Science Abstracting and Indexing Services will be held in Washington on February 26, 1959, rather than on February 27, as stated in last month's NEWS.

BUDGET, FY 1960

The proposed operating budget for the National Library of Medicine in Fiscal Year 1960 is $1,566,000. The following excerpts are reprinted from p. 625 and p. 627 of The Budget of the United States Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1960:

Operations, National Library of Medicine

For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary to carry out the National Library of Medicine Act (42 U. S. C. 275), [$1,415,000] *$1,566,000.* (*Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Appropriation Act, 1959.*)

Appropriated 1959, **$1,415,000** Estimate 1960, **$1,566,000**

Program and Financing

	1958 actual	1959 estimate	1960 estimate
Program by activities:			
Library operations (total obligations)	$1,495,609	$1,529,000	$1,566,000
Financing:			
Unobligated balance no longer available	991		
New obligational authority	1,496,600	1,529,000	1,566,000
New obligational authority:			
Appropriation	$1,450,000	$1,415,000	$1,566,000
Transferred from "Grants to States for public assistance," Social Security Administration (72 Stat. 243)	46,600		
Appropriation (adjusted)	1,496,600	1,415,000	1,566,000
Proposed supplemental due to pay increases		114,000	

Object Classification

	1958 actual	1959 estimate	1960 estimate
Total number of permanent positions	224	224	224
Full-time equivalent of all other positions			1
Average number of all employees	215	217	217
Number of employees at end of year	215	221	221
Average GS grade and salary	6.0 $4,696	6.3 $5,334	6.3 $5,428
Average salary of ungraded positions	$3,869	$4,072	$4,279
01 Personal services:			
Permanent positions	$1,040,971	$1,143,100	$1,163,100
Positions other than permanent	1,318	2,500	7,300
Other personal services	28,365	14,400	18,800
Total personal services	1,070,654	1,160,000	1,189,200
02 Travel	9,153	8,800	8,800
03 Transportation of things	395	400	400
04 Communication services	11,486	13,700	13,700
05 Rents and utility services	23,040	23,300	23,300
06 Printing and reproduction	91,543	90,300	90,300
07 Other contractual services	43,112	29,600	29,600
08 Supplies and materials	44,883	45,600	51,800
09 Equipment	136,781	86,600	86,600
11 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	62,317	69,400	71,000
13 Refunds, awards, and indemnities	1,125		
15 Taxes and assessments	1,120	1,300	1,300
Total obligations	1,495,609	1,529,000	1,566,000

[CONSTRUCTION OF LIBRARY FACILITIES]

[For construction and equipment of the National Library of Medicine, including furniture, architectural and engineering services, and moving, $6,950,000, which shall be consolidated with funds appropriated under this head in the Second Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1957 (70 Stat. 769), to be disbursed and accounted for as one fund.] (*Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Appropriation Act, 1959.*)

Appropriated 1959, **$6,950,000**

Program and Financing

	1958 actual	1959 estimate	1960 estimate
Program by activities:			
1. Design, supervision, etc.	$5,633	$48,000	$90,000
2. Construction and equipment		6,208,000	425,000
Total obligations	5,633	6,256,000	515,000
Financing:			
Unobligated balance brought forward			−719,033
Recovery of prior year obligations	−12,500		
Unobligated balance carried forward		719,033	204,033
Unobligated balance no longer available	25,033		
New obligational authority	18,166	6,975,033	
New obligational authority:			
Appropriation		$6,950,000	
Reappropriation	$18,166	25,033	

NEW BUILDING SCHEDULE

The revised schedule on the new building for the National Library of Medicine calls for advertising for bids on March 23, with opening of bids on April 30. The award of a construction contract may take place by May 15, 1959.

SUPPLEMENTARY SERIES PROGRESS

Mrs. Katharine M. Ahlbers of the Index Division has received a cash award in recognition of her extraordinary contributions in forwarding the work of preparing copy for the Supplementary Series of the Index-Catalogue. The present status of the Series is as follows:

Author section: Out of a total of 3,219 galleys, 2,578 have been proofread and returned to the printer. Page setting is already underway; the author volume may appear before the end of this calendar year.

Subject section: Almost half of the total of 55,091 subject cards have been edited; the remaining cards should be completed by summer. Printing schedules must wait upon monetary resources.

SHIFTING THE COLLECTION

Each year as medical journals and books pour into the National Library of Medicine the problem of housing them becomes more and more acute, and eventually a shift of major segments of the collection becomes necessary. The last great shift occurred in 1955; since then 38,431 bound volumes have been added to the Library's collections. With the serials stacks already filled to 95% of capacity it became clear that before the new building would be ready for occupancy in 1961, steps must be taken to maintain proper housing and servicing of the collections.

Last summer some additional space for shelving was created by stacking a basement corridor and reinstalling steel shelving on a maximal-capacity basis in five rooms in the east basement. Because these areas are far removed from the Reading Room, it was decided to shelve the least-used materials there, reserving the five-level stack core in the west wing for serials and cataloged monographs. Besides the provision of more space for serials, an auxiliary objective of the shift is to place the collection as nearly as possible in the order of shelving in the new building, thus lightening the burden of the move in 1961.

Shifting began in September 1958. Monographs have been transferred at the rate of 11.25 shelves per man hour, and serials at the rate of 7.1 shelves per man hour. The comparative slowness of the serial shift is due to the intrinsic nature of serials, as well as to certain problems peculiar to this collection, such as the necessity to interfile those serials which had heretofore been in separate alphabets, adjust the shelves as required, correct misshelving, and insert unbound material into suitable containers. Another factor is the extreme narrowness of the aisle in some areas. An idea of the size of the shift, scheduled for completion in June, may be obtained from the fact that at the halfway mark in the operation some four linear miles of shelved materials have been shifted. During this period library service from all parts of the collection has been uninterrupted.

The effect of the transfer on the books and journals themselves is of two kinds: on the one hand, material needing binding, repairing, or filming is brought to light and given the required attention; on the other hand, the wear and tear in handling may turn out to be the coup de grace for some of these volumes. We are hoping that the next major shift will be into the new building.

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